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FOR: SIDING BOARDS ATTACHMENT :
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RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR AN ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the request for an election of species set forth in the office action mailed June 17, 2003, applicant elects species C, as shown in Figures 7-9. Claims 1-5 and 9-12 read on the elected species.

An early and favorable action on claims 1-5 and 9-12 is respectfully requested.

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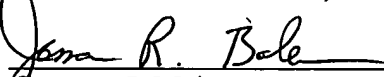
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to the Request for an Election of Species

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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